

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

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NEW BUSINESS

IN-CAMERA SNRHD MOTION

In accordance with Section 90 (2)(b) of the *Community Charter*, consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party (Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement) it is the opinion of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors that the meeting must be closed to the public and therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT



December 8, 2017

The Honourable Adrian Dix
Minister of Health
Room 337 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
BULKLEY NECHAKO

Dear Minister Dix,

Re: Replacement of Stuart Lake Hospital

The Stuart Lake Hospital is critical for residents of Fort St. James and surrounding First Nations including Binche Keyoh, Nak'azdli Whut'en, Takla Lake First Nation, Tl'azt'en First Nation, Yekooche First Nation, Saik'uz First Nation, Nadleh Whut'en First Nation, and Stellat'en First Nation. The hospital is 45 years old and was assembled out of temporary work camp trailers as a temporary acute care facility. It is in dire need of replacement and is a top priority for the Northern Health Authority and the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District.

The hospital is no longer able to provide an acceptable standard of care for patients due to its deteriorating condition. Space limitations have had detrimental impacts on functionality as public corridors are being used for patient waiting rooms and storage, which compromises confidentiality and security. In addition, safety concerns for both patients and staff have been identified.

We are fully supportive of immediate replacement of the hospital and we are urging you to prioritize this project taking into consideration that the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District is a very small hospital district with a mostly residential tax base and very few industrial taxpayers. As a result, our ability to afford further tax increases is at its limit.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your early response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Beach".

Chris Beach
Mayor - Village of Burns Lake

cc: Jerry Petersen, Chair, Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District
John Rustad, MLA, Nechako Lakes

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11 September 2017

Gheorghe Adamache
Manager - AIM IFP - Special Delivery
Aeronautical Information Management NAV CANADA
1601 Tom Roberts Avenue
Ottawa, ON K1V 1E6

Dear Mr. Adamache:

We represent the Burns Lake, British Columbia, Airport Society, responsible for the Burns Lake Airport (CYPZ). This airport is our access to Medevac services for critically ill, or severely injured, patients. The Lakes District Hospital covers a large area of central British Columbia. Our nearest tertiary care Centre is Vancouver, which is some-600 miles to the south. Hence, the smooth functioning of airport is very important to the area.

Instrument approaches and departures were revoked on August 17th, 2017. This came as a bit of a shock to our society, as previous correspondence from Transport Canada had been emailed to a nonexistent email. The consequence was, we had no ability to appeal your decision to cancel NAV CANADA's maintenance. We also did not have a timely opportunity to arrange for another service to provide for our needs.

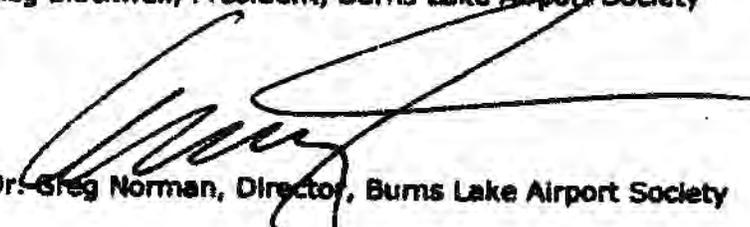
Our society contacted JetPro, an engineering firm based in Edmonton, to perform a full regulatory review of our existing procedures and to flight check them. The regulatory review has been done and this has already been submitted to NAV CANADA, which included all our former procedures. When you are able to accommodate it, we had planned to have the VOR/DME B approach rescinded and replaced with a new RNAV to Runway 11. With this regulatory review and flight check completed, the existing approach and departure procedures should be made once again valid.

In light of the critical nature of our airport functioning and having a viable instrument approach, we are asking that the pre-existing procedures be reinstated on the next publication cycle, which is 07 December 2017. Our hope is that your familiarity with the work of JetPro will allow you to accept and smoothly reinstate our instrument status.

Respectfully,



Reg Blackwell, President, Burns Lake Airport Society



Dr. Greg Norman, Director, Burns Lake Airport Society

2016- 2017 Annual Report Burns Lake Airport

It is a pleasure to once again present the annual report for the Burns Lake Airport.

2016 saw the completion of the runway resurfacing project which was a huge undertaking for our area. This project would not have been possible without the will of the taxpayers, local governments, funding agencies, provincial government, private and corporate donors as well as the many people that put their time and effort into the project to make it happen. We owe many thanks to the management and staff at the Regional District and the Village of Burns Lake for their support and expertise.

The van continues to pay its way with steady bookings over the summer. It is still often used for the dedicated driver program supplied by Wayne Svehla and George Hamp.

The kitchen suites are becoming popular with traveling aviators with steady bookings over the summer. They are often rented long term by out of town contractors.

This summer we hired a private contractor from Prince George to carry out the crack sealing on the ramp and taxiway. The cracks totalled approx. 1000 meters at a cost of \$4500.00

In August of 2017 Nav Canada cancelled the current GPS approach to the Burns Lake airport. This is a national effort to download the costs of designing and maintaining nav aids onto all Canadian airports that do not qualify for federal funding, unfortunately our airport falls within this category.

Because of inadequate notification from Nav Canada we lost our GPS approach on Aug 17 2017 . We have since enlisted the services of an external design company called Jetpro from Edmonton Alberta to design and maintain a new GPS approach. As of Sept. 26 2017 Jetpro designed, flight checked, and submitted the new design to Nav Canada. We have since been in constant contact with Nav Canada in an effort to have this process expedited in a timely manner. The cost of the new design is a one time fee of

\$2000.00, \$4000.00 annually, \$7000.00 for a flight check, and a flight check every 3.5 years.

AWOS System

The annual service on the weather system (Nov 12 2017) revealed a discrepancy in barometric readings of .4. The service Tech. that was conducting the service told us discrepancies beyond .3 were beyond limits. We are awaiting his assessment as to what that means in terms of elevations at the runway level. As a result of our conversation with the tech we learned that the computer in our weather station is obsolete and many parts are no longer available. The cost of a new computer and associated parts is approx. \$4000.00

Financial

The success of the airport continues to be dependant upon funding from the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako. The Society will continue to strive for funding through various government bodies and to enhance our local revenues by fuel sales, leased lands, hanger rentals, suite and van rentals, and potential landing and parking fees.

We still maintain a small cash surplus and will continue to persue all available grants to meet our five year plan and provide the residents of the Lakes District with a safe and modern airport.

We would like to thank our airport manager Wayne Svehla for his dedication to the Burns Lake airport. Wayne has been with us for several years now and it has been a pleasure to have him on staff. Good job Wayne!

We would like to express our gratitude to the management and staff of the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako and the Village of Burns Lake for their continuing support of our efforts to make the Burns Lake Airport a pleasant place to visit.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the society for their help and support during my time as president.